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I EATIS.

On the 5th December, at the London Mission, Hongkong, HENRY DONALD STEVENS, Matron, of the Northern Hospital. [3379]

On the 24th November, at the Victoria Nursing Home, HERBERT MAAS, of Hillbourn, aged 13 years.

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 7th DECEMBER, 1913

The news about the wild excitement in the cotton market, as noted by our London correspondent's telegram on Saturday and in Reuters' telegrams which we publish to-day, was to a certain extent anticipated and dreaded, though the exact pitch to which the speculative fever rose was not perhaps looked for. Brokers fighting one another in their eagerness to buy or sell, prices rising ten or twenty points at a rush, fortunes made and lost within five minutes, all this recalls some of the most sensational days of speculation. The history of this cotton affair is noteworthy. An interesting article appeared in the *Times of India* lately, dealing with the cotton position and giving some statistics of which we are glad to avail ourselves. Formerly the trade was accustomed to a visible supply of cotton at the end of the season of about two million bales, but, as the demand showed indications of overtaking the supply, this figure became reduced. In 1897-8 and 1898-9 the American crop each year gave a total of about eleven and a quarter-million bales, and what were regarded as normal figures were again resumed. In 1899-1900 the American crop was under nine and a half million bales, and the average for the past three years has been just over 10,000,000 bales, so that, with an increasing consumption, the yearly offtake has exceeded the supply, the result being that there has been a withdrawal from stocks. At the beginning of last season the total visible supply was just over one million bales, and with an American crop of ten and three-quarter millions, which was insufficient for the consumption, stocks became further reduced and this season started with a visible supply of about 700,000 bales. Now we have, as our correspondent telegraphs, an officially estimated crop of 9,962,039 bales only, a shortage of 600,000. At the beginning of November a favourable estimate was over

eleven million bales, but this was felt to be over-anguine, and the dread was growing that the manipulators would have the market at their mercy. The *Times of India* points out that with the increased consumption which has been apparent of late years, it will take at least three years of American crops of over twelve million bales to give a stock of cotton sufficient to enable the trade to compete against the manipulations of irresponsible speculators. It is plain now that this year's crop will make the position worse, and to what extent the speculators have taken advantage of the position is shown by the wild scenes at New York and New Orleans. The article to which we have referred above points out how during the past season the position of the market attracted the attention of speculators from almost the commencement, and the manipulation of prices began early in 1903. Prices were forced up until spot cotton in Liverpool was quoted over 7d., and had mills continued working full time, an even higher figure would have been touched. The market was even then absolutely at the mercy of the manipulators, to the detriment of trade. The curtailment of production, with the increased acreage planted in America, caused a gradual decline in prices, and though the crop had an indifferent start, the improved weather conditions for some months played an important part and prices gave way, until at the beginning of October arrivals were quoted in Liverpool under 5d. per lb. Since then prices had an upward tendency, news of killing frosts having effect. But now the situation of course is positively dangerous, and the maddest manipulators seem to be having ample sway. Bankruptcies and suicides will no doubt follow, have indeed probably been witnessed already. The spectacle is appalling, but it is an inevitable result of the gambling spirit, which is so condemned in the white working-man and the Chinese coolie, having full license in the stock exchanges.

Mr. E. A. Griffiths is the new British Consul at Kobe.

A Chinese body, dead of plague, was found in Des Vœux Road West during the day ending at noon on Saturday.

The appointment of Messrs. A. G. M. Fletcher and J. J. Bullis as Deputy Registrars of Marriages is notified in the *Gazette*.

Sixty-one years ago the European factories at Canton were destroyed by a mob. A similar occurrence took place on the 15th December, 1856.

The appointment of Dr. E. A. R. Laing as Lieutenant (Superintending Medical Officer) in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps is notified in the *Gazette*.

Mr. W. F. Stevenson, formerly P. & O. Agent at Manila, died in Colombo on the 17th ult. He was on his way out to Hongkong in the P. & O. S.S. *China*, with Mrs. Stevenson, when he died on his journey to Colombo.

The premises of Messrs. Kingsell & Co., Main St., Yokohama, were burnt down on the 22nd ult. The loss was covered to the extent of 3,000 yen in the Yorkshire, and 13,000 yen in the Norwich Union Fire Offices.

It is reported from Moulken, according to a telegram to the *Jiji*, that the Russian Commander there has declared that the Tartar General and his office must remove outside of the city. The Chinese troops in the city are also to be withdrawn. The Commander has further declared that Shiyatashin and Kanjishin are important stations for the recruiting of mounted bandits, and that these places will be governed by Russia in future.

To-morrow evening the second and final instalment in the series of performances at the Theatre Royal will be given. The greatest of the English historical plays, *King Henry IV.* (part I) will have its first presentation in Hongkong on this occasion, and much is expected from Mr. Hannibal Williams, whose personation of Falstaff, the humorous fat knight, has been highly praised. A special announcement to patrons regarding tickets and special terms will be found in another column.

Herr von Rothorn, of the Austrian Legation in Peking, a recent Vienna despatch reports, has been recalled in response to repeated requests for his removal by the Chinese Government. It appears that Herr von Rothorn had himself disapproved to Chinese functionaries by his frequent references to the Boxer siege. He and his wife suffered so much then that he became imbued with an inveterate hostility to the Chinese, and could not help showing it as often as occasion brought him into contact with Chinese officials.

The following returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during November are certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:

Banks.	Average Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.	3,299,295
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.	7,600,000
National Bank of China Limited.	443,000
Total.	\$15,606,301, \$15,000,000

The cattle killed by order of the Sanitary Board were taken out to sea twenty miles and dumped.

A large number of native artisans, engaged here by Russian agents last year and the year before last to work in Port Arthur, have returned to Shanghai from that place, says the *N. C. Daily News*, and report that they had been ordered to leave the port owing to the near approach of hostilities between China, assisted by Japan, and Russia. The Russians in Port Arthur, the refugees report further, talk freely now of fighting China and Japan together, whereas formerly it was only war with Japan.

A correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*, who has just travelled from Huiyuanhsien, Anhwei, to Nanking—305 li—by a small wheelbarrow in four days, writes:—Just as I was ascending the Mahapshan Pass I met the editor of the *New York Observer* making his way from Nanking to Huiyuan on a frisky mule. This is the way for an editor to get some real experience as to how missionaries travel in the interior. He, however, would be freed from one serious annoyance. He would be blissfully ignorant of whether the people were cursing or praising him.

These days, when war is so much talked about, it is well to pay a visit to the munition stores to the east of Arsenal Street. Rows of all kinds of modern guns, with freshly tallowed breech-blocks, are all ready for mounting and to bark as they belch forth shells or armour-piercing projectiles in defence of Hongkong. Including quick-firing jacket guns, about 100 large weapons are on view. Piles of ammunition are also to be seen in the yard. There must be a goodly supply of such-like "play things" under cover.

A Scotch despatch of the 24th November says:—The Governor of Wiju wires to the Foreign Department that nine Russians and ten Chinese arrived at Kinde Island and drove away the residents from five cottages, declaring that the buildings were required by them for the transportation of timber. Attempts on the part of the Governor to stop the audacious behaviour of the Russians have proved futile, and he has therefore applied to the Government to open negotiations with the Russian Minister in order to stop the Russians from such illegal action.

Articles for a 20-round boxing match between Sam Newman, the welter-weight, and Preston, of H.M.S. *Amphitrite*, were signed on Saturday night. The contest is to come off within a fortnight. Each man has deposited \$200, out of a side bet of \$400 each, with Manager Christie; the balance is to be "put up" at the ring-side. A large percentage of the gate receipts, also, go to the winner. Preston, who has steps into the ring at 10 stone 5 lbs., will only have about four or five pounds ahead of his opponent. He is said to be one of the best welter-weights attached to that portion of the Navy now in the Far East. He has performed before the National Club, and has whipped Sam Bentley, Newman, also, has a reputation for p.u.k., fairness, and hard hitting. Before the boxing contest, several preliminaries fill out the bill of what promises to be a good evening's sport.

In a letter to the *Times*, Messrs. W. and A. Gilbey report that the consumption of wine for this year is not expected to exceed 15,000,000 gallons—the smallest annual total for some thirty odd years—probably in a measure as the result of the increased consumption of diluted whiskey with *ma-sa*. The consumption has been falling since 1876, when it was over 20,000,000 gallons were imported, these figures being the highest ever reached. Before 1880 comparatively little wine was drunk in this country, and accordingly the imports did not reach 4,000,000 gallons. Even the greatest quantity of wine drunk in the nineteenth century falls very short, taking into consideration the increase in population, of that consumed in the Middle Ages. In the middle of the thirteenth century, despite the taxation first imposed in 1216, no less than 10,000 tons, over 2,000,000 gallons, were annually brought into the ports of London and Sandwich alone; coming from Gascony, Spain, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, and islands of the Archipelago. So strict were the laws against adulteration in those days that Stow relates how Lord Mayor Knivwell emptied 150 butts of adulterated wine into the channels of the streets.

FIRE IN KOWLOON.

On Saturday night, when Police-Sergeant and Mrs. Gordon returned home to the station at Kowloon City, after the Naval and Military Masonic Installation celebrations, they found their quarters burned out. The fire had completely gutted the sergeant's three rooms situated on the top floor, but it had been stayed before doing further damage to the building. Sergeant Gordon was obliged to go around in his dress suit yesterday.

QUARRY BAY SPORTS.

Training for the Quarry Bay Sports, which take place on New Year's Day, commenced about a week ago. Among those noticed going round the Tai-koo track, encircling the football ground at Quarry Bay, were Messrs. Austin (Gibb, Livingston), Wiltchell (Sanitary Board), McKirdy, Marrian, Sinclair (the champion piper), and Forbes of the Sugar Refinery. The men seem to be in good fettle. This year's sports are sure to be as successful as last season's; there may, besides, be some new features. Austin is favourite for the cycling championship. Some of the others, however, will bid boldly with him for first place. It is hoped that a youngsters' cycle race will be arranged for.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' SERVICE.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, 3rd December. Sir Mortimer Durand, in presenting his credentials to President Roosevelt, informed him that the King had directed him to assure the President of his earnest desire that the existing friendly relations between the United States and Great Britain might be maintained and strengthened. President Roosevelt cordially reciprocated His Majesty's desire for the friendship and good will of the two countries.

GREAT BRITAIN AND TIBET.

LONDON, 4th December.

The S. Petersburg correspondent of the *National Zeitung* says that the British action in Tibet was initiated in the nick of time to prevent the proclamation of a Russian protectorate, and that Russian statescraft has not suffered so serious a reverse since 1878.

THE CHILEAN WARSHIPS.

LONDON, 4th December.

Great Britain has bought the two warships recently built in England for Chile for £1,875,000 complete. Chile asked £2,200,000 for them in February last, which Great Britain refused to give.

LATER.

The Chilean battleships the *Libertad* and *Constitution* just purchased by the British were built by the Vickers-Maxim Co. and Armstrongs respectively, and for their size are the most powerful ships afloat.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 4th December.

The reported Russo-Japanese agreement is discredited in Tokyo.

OPENING OF THE GERMAN REICHSTAG.

LONDON, 4th December.

The Reichstag has been opened. The Kaiser, who invariably attends, was absent from the ceremony.

BRITISH CRUISER ASHORE.

LONDON, 4th December.

The cruiser *Flora* is ashore on Denham Island, British Columbia, and is probably a total wreck; her stern is ten feet under water.

LATER.

The *Flora* was going full speed to the firing ground when mistaking a beacon in thick weather she ran on the rocks with tremendous force. There were no casualties although the officers' quarters were immediately flooded.

THE AMERICAN COTTON MARKET.

LONDON, 4th December.

An announcement estimating a shortage in the cotton crop, which is far below expectations, created the wildest excitement on the New York Cotton exchange; brokers fought each other in their eagerness, and prices shot up ten and twenty points. At New Orleans fortunes were made and lost within five minutes.

LATER.

The advance in American cotton has caused the most intense excitement in Manchester and Liverpool, and it is considered to be a terrible calamity for Lancashire if the American estimate is correct.

MASONIC INSTALLATION.

On Saturday night Brother Hyett was installed as Right Worshipful Master of the Lodge Naval and Military (848 S.C.). A most enjoyable function was held. The programme was as follows:

Introduction.....Orchestra
Song....."Leave a little bit for your tutor"
C. Beaumont
Song....."While I am with you"
A. Jack
Song....."I don't care"
T. Stevenson
Song....."Success to the Old Brigade"
T. Jackson
Song....."What a good job I won't there"
P. Jackson
Song....."Lead me your Fairy Wand"
T. Mitchell
Song....."Rose of Persia"
A. Jack
Song....."It suddenly dawned upon me"
T. Armitage
Interval of 15 minutes.
Overture.....Orchestra
Song....."What an awful daughter"
J. Stevenson
Song....."Come to my heart again"
T. Mitchell
Song....."Mulligan's Motor Car"
T. Armitage
and A. Jack
Song....."Fighting lads of England"
T. Hoskin
Song....."What do you do with your money"
P. Jackson
Song....."My First Wife"
A. Jack
Song....."I didn't like it"
T. Armitage
Song....."Silent absurdity"
The Bristol Lovers
Soppy Verse.....(The Rival)
T. Armitage
Kallum.....(The Barber)
A. Jack
Mrs. Buckum.....T. Jago
Miss Buckum.....T. Stevenson
"God Save the King".

The officers for 1914 are as follows:—R.W.M. Wor. Bro. H. P. D. Hyett; Immediate P.M. Wor. Bro. W. E. Claret; Deputy Master, Wor. Bro. F. Howell; Wor. Senior Warden, Wor. Bro. F. East; Secretary, Wor. Bro. H. Horley; Senior Deacon, Bro. E. Day; Organist, Bro. W. Gairby; D. of C., Bro. R. J. Allwork; Steward, Bro. J. East; *W.J.W., Bro. P. Jackson; Treasurer, Bro. J. J. Blake; Junior Deacon, Bro. J. W. Wiltchell; Chaplain, Bro. R. M. Healy; Junior Guard, Bro. A. W. Hill; Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone.

THE MEAT SUPPLY OF HONGKONG.

THE KENNEDY TOWN SLAUGHTER-HOUSE. Like Chicago's, Hongkong's chief daily slaughter is of pigs. If, indeed, we do not kill off the vast quantities that Chicago does, and if we do not kill them quite so fast, we certainly do it in a very scientific manner. Probably, also, our smaller stock is more closely examined from a sanitary point of view. There are two slaughter-houses attached to the Colony: one at Hungghom, Kowloon Peninsula, and the other at Kennedy Town. As that at Hungghom is comparatively insignificant, we will deal with the one at Kennedy Town. Kennedy Town, by the way, is one terminus of our electric tramways. The slaughter-house is approached from the east by a square patch of ground where a number of cattle, for exportation, spend their time chewing rice-straw; Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s rope works, only separated from it by a private road. Forbes Street—where cattle for exportation are kept when there is no room for them in the sheds, forms the northern boundary; "country" and hillside encircle the rest. Approaching the premises by the main roadway, cattle-shedders on the left; slaughter-houses, sheep and pig-bones on the right; and a crematorium—quite a little house in itself—faces you. The slaughter-house is supervised by two European inspectors: Inspectors A. Watson, and J. T. Cotton; one of them is provided with free quarters not a great distance from the slaughter-house; both have been connected with the work about seven or eight years. In 1902, 29,831 cattle were slaughtered, 17,718 were re-exported; 16,109 sheep were slaughtered, 12,427 were re-exported; 168,940 pigs were slaughtered, 15,984 were re-exported.

THE CATTLE.

The cattle mostly come from fertile banks of the Canton and West rivers, lying in the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. A few also come from British Kowloon, otherwise known as the New Territory. The latter, however, are not very numerous; they are, moreover, poor specimens as compared with the further inland breed. Cattle intended for local meat supply are housed free of charge; they have to be fed by their owners. Cattle transhipped at Hongkong, on to Manila, bound or other steamers, have to pass through the depot where they undergo an examination. A depot tax of 50 cents per head on re-export cattle is levied. Beautiful airy accommodation—the inspectors boast that they have never seen anything in England to equal it—is provided for the beasts. There are no unpleasant odours in the sheds; they are cleaned out twice a day. In the centre is a brick water-tank, always running. The water is not taken from the Hongkong community supply; it is taken from a private reservoir at Pokfulam. There are separate pipes laid down from another reservoir for the inspectors' private use. New sheds are being erected to meet the increased demand for housing cattle. There is accommodation for a couple of thousand head. Some distance away in an isolation shed. A cattle infirmary, also, is one of the features. There is no disease on the slaughter-house premises at the present time. Cattle are very often fed there for from seven to ten days before slaughtered; sometimes they are killed off immediately after being found fit. On cattle arriving at the depot, they are examined by C.V.S. and, if found in good condition, stamped with his chop they are subsequently, shortly before slaughter, examined by one of the inspectors and marked with the broad arrow. Cattle re-exported are mostly shipped to Manila by the China & Manila steamers *Rubi* and *Zafiro*, and the Toyoko Kisen Kaisha's *Zosetta-maru* and *Bollina-maru*. Regarding the local supply, the cattle-dealer sells daily to the butchers; the "condemned" cattle are then driven to an enclosure adjoining the cattle slaughter-room. They are poleaxed, etc., at night time. Buffaloes, having very hard skulls, are shot. The cattle slaughter-room is provided with over-head hook trolleys leading from the slaughter room to the cooling chamber; the unprogressive Chinese, however, prefers his old-fashioned bamboo to this labour-saving apparatus; it is left unused. Every joint of meat is marked with the Government chop before it leaves the premises. A heavy fine would be levied upon a man offering for sale meat not so marked. Cattle weighing, from 5 to 600 lbs. fetch about \$40 to \$45 apiece, about an average of 60 are killed per day.

SHEEP, GOATS AND SWINE.

Sheep and goats are brought down from Shanghai in large shipments; pigs come in great quantities from Pakhoi and Hoikow. Many die on the voyage during heavy weather. One instance in which a whole shipment of swine died is memorable. There is berthing accommodation for from 4 to 5,000 sheep, and 10,000 pigs at the depot. The pigs are imported by pork-dealers who keep salesmen in the slaughter-house to sell to butchers of the different markets. When sold, the pigs are brought to the slaughter-house, where they remain till midnight, when they are again inspected before having their throats cut. Afterwards, they are scalded, scraped, and dressed. Each market has a separate door leading into the slaughtering room; the slaughtering is done by Government contractors. There is a scarcity of pork just now, some of the dealers having had a bad season, and gone out of business. On an average the pigs weigh from 100 to 140 lbs; some of them are so fat that they have to be carried to the slaughterhouse. A sheep, weighing from 70 to 80 lbs, would fetch about \$12; pork is sold by the catty. About 45 sheep and 480 pigs are killed per day. Beef and mutton, of course, are the chief meat supply for Europeans; goat's flesh—about 100 goats a week—is used by the native regiments; pork is mainly used by Chinese.

A SHIPPING SCANDAL.

SHOCKING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

The hardships put upon sheep and goats taken on board at Shanghai by some of the vessels on the Shanghai-Canton run, via Hongkong, are a shocking, almost incredible scandal. Perhaps some of the steamship owners, or their agents, as the case may be, have never given the matter a thought; perhaps, indeed, they have never boarded the vessel after the animals have been shipped. Perhaps marine superintendents, fearing it might damage their position, never draw attention to a matter which would mean a severe loss in freight. Perhaps the captain and officers of the ships dared not protest; seldom, but sometimes, "men of the Merchant Service" sacrifice their position for uttering righteous opinions detrimental to their employers' interests. Perhaps the comrades in charge of the cargoes think little about cruelty to animals, yet a great deal about their commission. Such, certainly, must be the case. In these circumstances, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, as well as all right-thinking men in this Colony who have so strongly protested against the Canton atrocities—unnecessary torture of the condemned—have a right to protest.

A visit to one of the steamers lying alongside a wharf at Praya West was enough to raise the indignation of anyone. Huddled up in roughly constructed pens, bounded on one side by two long bamboo eighteen inches or so apart, hatched athwart the stanchions supporting the bulwarks—this made a feeding-trough—and bounded on the other sides by planks, the animals were a picture of misery. So close were they packed that, in the sea of filth besmeared wool—there was no bedding, and the pens had never been cleaned—it was simply impossible to count the beasts. Some of them had their heads protruding between the planks of the enclosure; so tightly were they pressed that they were unable to extricate themselves. Many had their heads jammed under the bellies of others. Hundred of animals were so tightly packed that it would have been impossible for all of them to lie down. There is a whisper that recent arrivals from Shanghai have lost large quantities of sheep on the voyage; one, indeed, had a mortality of about 50 per cent. When one of the vessels was moored alongside at Hongkong, not a vestige of food was to be seen near the pens; as for water, it seemed inconceivable how the animals were supplied. A goat was gnawing the side of a pea; a sheep greedily devoured a little rice accidentally dropped within head-reach. Cattle sometimes undergo a short fast previous to slaughter; this, however, is an unnecessary hardship for sheep and goats. From a sanitary point of view, moreover, it is questionable whether this fearful strain put upon these sheep is conducive to improving the meat.

CHATRE'S CIRCUS.

Chatre's Circus, which has been performing for a short and very successful season, was to have given its last performance on Saturday a *matinee* being given on that day for children, the tent being crowded so as to leave but little standing room. But it has now been decided to give a few more performances, as advertised in another column. Some very clever acrobatic feats were given by a troupe of Indian boys, and there were also some Spanish dances, performing horses and elephants; graceful *haute école* riding by Mrs. Cento, and clever footling by Cento, the clown. Mr. Chatre is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of the two latter performers, who have just joined him, and already added considerably to the popularity of the show. Mr. Cento, though a very young man, has performed in nearly all the large cities of Europe, the Colonies and the Far East, having received his training at Sanger's, the well-known London circus people. Mrs. Cento has also received a thorough training, and is quite at ease with trick-riding. Chatre's circus should do well wherever it goes.

Mr. Marutheroo, acrobatic master of the Circus, was the recipient of a gold watch presented by Mr. Vasanthull Assomull in appreciation of his new and wonderful acrobatic feats.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

The fourth club race was sailed over a course lying from the Kowloon Police Pier, Lyemoun Beacon, Kowloon Rock, Mark boat in Quarry Bay and home. The Championship class sailed on Saturday; and the one-designers and second class on Sunday. On both days a moderate easterly breeze was experienced. The results were as follows:—

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS.		
Vernon	3	58 10
Elaph	3	58 45
Dione	4	2 22
Aileen	4	5 40

ONE-DESIGN CLASS.		
Kathleen	3	53 5
Min	4	7 35
Bonito	4	9 25
Erica	4	9 27

SECOND CLASS.		
Alannah	3	58 15
Iris	4	8 4
Payne	4	8 30
Chanticleer	4	8 55
Doreen	4	17 40
Gloria	4	18 12
Mist	4	46 25

Corrected. Alannah first, Alannah second, Chanticleer third.

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Fresh Milk, Cream, Cheese, Butter, etc.
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JAMES WATKES,
Manager.
S. A. SMITH,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [3372]

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, PORT ARTHUR AND DALNY.

THE DANISH STEAMSHIP

"PRINCESSE MARIE."

Captain Bergetzen, will be ready to load TO-DAY, the 7th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **MELCHERS & CO.**

Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [3373]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"AMBRIA," will be despatched for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 10th inst., at 1 P.M.

For Freight, apply to **HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE,**

Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [3372]

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FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

"KIATTSCHOU."

OF THE HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Captain Behrens, due here with the outward German Mail on THURSDAY, A.M., will leave for the above places about 1.24 hours after arrival.

For further particulars, apply to **MELCHERS & CO.**

Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [3375]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA

THE STEAMSHIP

"EASTERN."

Captain W. Ellis, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst., at N. or.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

The Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamer of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Passage, apply to **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.**

Hongkong, 5th December, 1903. [3371]

CHATELAIN'S NEW INDIAN CIRCUS.

PATRONISED BY

H.M. THE EMPRESS-DOWAGER

AND OTHER ROYALTY OF CHINA.

By special arrangements, owing to the great number of people being disappointed on Saturday, the Proprietor has decided to give performances

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TO-MORROW (TUESDAY).

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [3376]

THEATRE ROYAL

PATRONS to the series of Recitals are informed that

Mr. HANNIBAL WILLIAMS

will interpret Shakespeare's

KING HENRY IV. (Part I.), with the humorous conceits of Sir John Falstaff.

TO-MORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING,

DECEMBER 8th, at 9 o'clock.

Patrons who have not exchanged their 'Cards of admission' for reserved seats tickets, should do so at the Robinson Piano Company's. All unused tickets will be accepted for this second and last performance.

A special Train will leave the Peak Station at 8.35 for the accommodation of patrons, returning 15 minutes after the fall of the curtain.

N.B.—On this occasion special care will be taken to make the Theatre comfortable by revelling draughts.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1903. [3377]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

TO-MORROW (TUESDAY),

the 8th DECEMBER, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at his

SALES ROOMS, QUEEN'S ROAD,

A FINE ASSORTMENT OF

J. A. P. A. S. E. U. R. I. O. S.

LARGE VASES, HAND-OME BRON-

ZES, SILVER CLOISONNE LACQUER-

WARE, FINE TEA AND COFFEE SETS,

V. RY INLAID PANEL, CUT VELVET

PICTURES AND ALBUMS;

HANDSOME EMBROIDERED

SCREENS;

HEARTH RUGS, DIFFERENT SIZES,

&c., &c., As Customary.

TERMS OF SALE: V. I. REMEDIOS,

Auctioneer.

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY,

LIMITED, COPENHAGEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINCESSE MARIE"

having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby

informed that their Goods, with the exception

of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being

landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns

of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whose

delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before Noon,

To-day, the 8th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the 11th December will be

subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to

be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on Friday the 11th December.

All claims must reach us before the 15th

December, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

undersigned.

MELCHERS & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1903. [3374]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned has received instructions

from the CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF

POLICE, to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (MONDAY),

the 7th DECEMBER, 9.30, at Noon, at THE

CENTRAL POLICE STATION,

474 MARINE-BAY CARRIAGES.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HUGH,

Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1903. [3351]

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS

of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to

be held on THURSDAY (MONDAY), the 7th day of

DECEMBER, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Office of

the Public Works Department, by Order of His

Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown

Land at Causeway Bay, in the Colony of

Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the

option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed

by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King,

for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot.

Locality.

Boundary Measurements.

Contents in Square Feet.

Annual Rent.

Upset Price.

Inland Lot.

Shanklin Road Causeway Bay.

330 110 60.0 18.00 250 14,172

CARMICHAEL & CLARKE,

CONSULTING ENGINEERS

AND SHIPBUILDERS.

SURVEYORS AND CONTRACTORS.

REPAIRS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL," HONGKONG.

A.B.C. Code, 4th Edition

1 Code.

Liebig's Standard Code.

Telephone, 232.

Hongkong, 20th June, 1903. [1770]

HIRANO WATER.

THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS.

PURE, SPARKLING, INVIGORATING

BOTTLED IN JAPAN BY H. E. RETNELL & CO.

Beware of JAPANESE IMITATIONS.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1903. [330]

HOTEL TO BE LEASED

THE Proprietor of the OCCIDENTAL

HOTEL, Elgin Road, Kowloon, is pre-

pared to lease the same. The Hotel is well

situated, contains 35 Bedrooms with Bathrooms

adjoining each, and is in every way well ap-

pointed to the requirements of a first-class Hotel

business. A cash business is done, and the

Proprietor has satisfactory reasons for wishing

to retire. The books may be inspected by any

bona-fide enquirer, and all particulars may be

had on application to the Proprietor at the

Hotel.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1903. [3233]

SPECIAL NOTICE

WE beg to inform the Ladies and Gentle-

men of this town that we have just

opened a Shop where we are selling SILK of

all kinds, GRASS CLOTHS, ORIENTAL

EMBROIDERIES, Hand-made LACE of all

kinds, SILVER WARE, and other Articles.

FANCY GOODS and CURTAINS, &c.

Prices very moderate.

Inspection invited.

O. KEMMATRAI & CO.,

5, Arden Street (Queen's Road East), Hongkong.

Hongkong, 9th November, 1903. [3102]

ENTERTAINMENTS

THEATRE ROYAL

CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR

DRAMATIC CLUB.

WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF

THE IMPORTANCE OF

BEING EARNEST,

on

FRIDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1903.

SATURDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 1903.

MONDAY, 14th

Commencing each Evening at 9 P.M.

precisely.

Dress Circle \$3

Stalls 1

Fit 3

No HALF PRICE.

Tickets can be obtained at the Booking Office

of the Theatre, City Hall, on and after Friday,

4th December, at 10 A.M.

Booking Office will be opened daily from

that date from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Late Tickets will run a quarter of an hour

after the fall of the curtain.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1903. [3238]

DANCING

MRS. DONALDSON (Daughter of

Professor F. F. WALLACE, of Rose-

mont Dancing Academy, Glasgow) has

pleasure in advertising a SECOND BEGIN-

NERS' CLASS to open in the CITY HALL

shortly.

Practice twice weekly...Fee \$10 a month.

Pupils will please enroll at the Robinson

Place Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1903. [3313]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION

INFORMATION has been received from

the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that

GUN PRACTICE will take place from

Yuenmun (Pak-sha-wan and Sywan Batteries) in

the direction of the entrance to Junk Bay at

ranges from 4,000 to 2,000 yards on the 11th of

DECEMBER, and from Stonecutters West

Battery in a South-Westerly direction at

ranges from 2,000 to 600 yards, on the 12th of

DECEMBER, 1903.

If the weather is unfavourable on either of

the above dates, practice will take place on the

14th of DECEMBER.

Practice will commence at 9.0 A.M. on the

11th and at 9 A.M. on the 12th, and end at

11 A.M. daily, if the range is clear.

By Command, A. M. THOMSON,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1903. [3350]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION

INFORMATION has been received from

the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that

GUN PRACTICE will be carried out

from Victoria Battery on the 16th of DECEM-

BER, between 9 and 11 A.M., if the range is

clear, but if not it will be carried out at a later

hour on the same date. The firing will be at a

target moving from a point opposite Lower

Beltchers Battery, South-West of Stonecutters

HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

Hongkong still continues to talk about—and to feel—the cold. The lowest reading of the thermometer of which I have heard was 41 at a house on the Peak, the time being about 8 o'clock a.m. The lowest official return for Hongkong, lower level, seems to be 54. There appears every indication of the cold lasting, and the hope of a little more warmth which I mentioned last week seems to have faded away. We can therefore do with appreciation the clothes which, six months ago, we could not look at without perspiring. Hongkong is getting quite brilliant with waistcoats, about the only article with which man can usually make himself gay. As for the ladies—well, my pen fails me to describe how they have welcomed the wintry weather with becoming costumes. Many of the shops, too, have assumed a distinctly Christmas air, and dolls, toys, and various games attract not only childish eyes—indeed they rather “jump to the eye” with the vividness of their display. I wonder the coolie children think of them as they endeavour to press their flat little noses against the panes of glass that cut them off from the mysteries designed for some other-coloured child.

It is, I am aware, always a puzzle to contractors where to dispose of their building refuse, and if not closely watched they are very apt to place it in the first convenient spot, utterly regardless of its disfiguring appearance. The Public Works Department has, very rightly, refused permission for them to deposit on the hillside, to be washed down into the streams and to blur the landscape. In these circumstances, I cannot understand why they should continue to be allowed to make the bank of Glenelg Ravine, between the Tram Terminus and St. Joseph's Church, a vast unsightly rubbish-heap. It is a most conspicuous place, in a good neighbourhood, and the bank is already bulged out to its utmost dimensions. It is surely time that the bank should now be reduced to shape and neatly turfed over.

It is extremely interesting to dip into the records relating to the early days of Hongkong, and to make the comparison between then and now. I have just been reading again some of those interesting letters which Mr. W. E. Cooke sent to the *London Times* in the early fifties. Writing in one of them concerning the City of Victoria, he says: “The first great astonishment to a man who recollects Sir Francis Maitland's report that there was anchorage for ships and room on the Island for one house, is to find many merchant princes living in many gorgeous palaces, a city two miles long, every article of home luxury except a braiding breeze, and facts which could feed a principality and conquer an Empire.” Alas and alack! Where are now those gorgeous palaces? Some archaeologists can perhaps enlighten us. And in the days of a constantly fluctuating dollar which never even rises to an exchange value of 2/6, I might even ask the question, “Where are now those merchant princes?”

I regret to say that when Mr. Cooke described the first European buildings in Hongkong as “gorgeous palaces” he permitted himself a license which he very well knew of his readers were in a position to call in question. He also relied upon the proverbial shortness of memory of the average newspaper reader, for in a previous letter he had written that “the bungalows generally consist of three rooms about forty feet high, all opening upon a veranda, some bedrooms and a set of detached offices for Chinese.” If such were “gorgeous palaces” how should a writer describe the residences of the present day in Hongkong?

There are some respects in which the contrast between now and then is not very striking. For example, “it was by no common expenditure of time and interest that my friend obtained for me a single room at a price not much above what a lodging in Rogen Street would cost in the London season.” Well, rents are still a severe subject in Hongkong, and Mr. Cooke's comparison might be allowed to stand. But in these days of a low exchange we may feel devoutly thankful that Hongkong is not “a place where a turkey and a ham cost 45.”

The spirit of St. Andrew must evidently have permeated the temperament of a Chinese of the coolie class in the vicinity of the site of the new Post Office last Wednesday evening. This locality not being well illuminated—the Praya side of Des Voeux Road at this spot indeed being almost totally devoid of any illumination—favoured the carrying out of his “little joke.” Arming himself with a large-sized brick, he lay in wait until a ricksha containing an European drew near, and then launched his missile. That he succeeded in giving the occupant a sudden shock goes without saying. Fortunately the brick only struck the intended victim on the hip, and thence rebounded into the foot of the vehicle. But the affair might easily have been fraught with more serious consequences. The assailant got clear away. Still it is somewhat astonishing that such an occurrence is possible within only a few yards of the Hongkong Hotel. Where were the police?

I have noticed some very pretty plants in the compound of Wellington Barracks. They are trimmed into the shape of men and other fantastic designs. Tourists will do well to have a look at them; they will be nothing new to those who visited the Chinese flower-show held on the Praya at Coronation time.

The untoward retardation of the almost invariably prompt English mail, spoilt several shooting parties yesterday. We have grown to

look on it as a matter of course that the P. & O. boat will arrive to the minute—a circumstance often overlooked by those who lament the conservatism of British steamship companies—and so feel aggrieved that rough weather can deprive us of our mail in time to get a free Sunday, and a look at the birds, if we are so minded. The state of the various vessels arriving from the South during the last three days should be enough to convince anyone of the “distress” of the weather.

CRICKET.

INTERPORT XI. v. REST OF H.K.C.C. It has been decided to continue this game which commenced on the Cricket Ground this day, before yesterday, on Saturday next, so that there is every prospect of a finish. The Interport team took the field without Lumsden and Cooper, and the twelfth man, A. R. Lowe, being also unable to play, T. C. Gray, who was in Shanghai with the team, and Capt. Nicholas, B.N., were brought in to make up the eleven. It was a little after 12.15 when Turner and R. Hancock went to the wicket for the Interport team, who had won the toss. A bad start was made, as at 5 Turner was bowled by Wall. However, on Pearce joining Hancock a stand was made and runs came at a good pace until 1.15, when the board read 44-1. On resumption both batsmen got to work soon and changes of bowling were without avail. It was not until 3.15 had been put on for the second wicket that Hancock fell a victim to Rimington, with a steady 27 to his credit. Dixon was next in, but after making one run was bowled by Chichester. H. Hancock followed him and soon brought the 100 up. The same batsman quite outpaced Pearce in the rate of scoring, though Pearce was by no means idle. Consequently the bowlers had a poor time indeed, though frequently relieved. It was not until 1.17 that Pearce succumbed for an excellent 79. Ward came in, and it was not until 3.15 that the game should go on next Saturday, so that a declaration of the innings was necessary. A bad spell followed for the Interportmen, Ward leaving at 1.01, Arthur at 2.01, and Nicholas at 2.05. On Gray coming to the wicket the rot was stopped, and Hancock's score began to approach Pearce's. Curiously enough, when it did reach 79, Chichester cut it short. The innings was a fine effort, including 13 fours and made up of a variety of good strokes. 226 for 8. Bird failed to score, and at 2.35 Gray was bowled for a serviceable 18, Smith carrying his bat without scoring. The rest opened their innings with Maitland and Irwin to the bowling of Dixon and Pearce. Again the start was bad, Irwin being bowled at 1.14, and Maitland, after making 17 then got together, and though Dixon's bowling puzzled both and bumped a good deal they managed to defy him and the other bowlers until 7.18 had been scored. Then R. Hancock in his first over dismissed Wall, while Rimington, who succeeded him, left without an addition to the score. Stumps were then drawn for the day, the board reading 78-40. The game will be resumed on Saturday next, as we have said. Present scores and analysis:—

INTERPORT TEAM.		
W. C. D. Turner, b Wall	1	20
T. E. Pearce, b Wall	1	27
R. Hancock (capt.), b Rimington	1	79
J. T. Dixon, b Chichester	1	18
H. Hancock, b Chichester	1	79
A. G. Ward, b W. Wall	1	5
H. Arthur, b Maitland	1	17
Capt. Nicholas, b R. Hancock	1	0
T. C. Gray, b Chichester	1	18
E. O. Bird, b Chichester	1	0
Lieut. Smith, R.A., not out	1	0
Extras	1	10
Total	1	235
REST OF CLUB.		
F. Maitland, b J. T. Dixon	1	17
J. Irwin, b R. Hancock	1	17
Eng. Maitland, b R. Hancock	1	17
Eng. Lieut. Wall, R.N., not out	1	17
Eng. Lieut. Wall, R.N., not out	1	17
R. Hancock	1	33
Lieut. Rimington, S.F., b H. Hancock	1	1
Extras	1	1
Total (4 wickets)	1	78

BOWLING ANALYSIS.		
INTERPORT TEAM.		
Wall	21	1
Scribner Smith	12	3
Rimington	9	31
Chichester	14	3
Lieut. Smith	2	18

CHALLENGE C.C. v. H.K.C.C. “A.” The match on Saturday between the above clubs was won by the Challenge C.C. by 3 wickets and 24 runs. The H.K.C.C. was lamentably weak in bowling. Scores and analysis:—

H.K.C.C. “A.”		
G. H. Edwards, b Stuart, b Horton	1	24
D. Piper, b Stuart, b Horton	1	10
W. C. D. Turner, b Horton	1	10
N. H. Rutherford, b Horton	1	10
J. Hooper, run out	1	5
Geo. Lammet, b L. Lammet, b Horton	1	5
C. P. Chichester, b L. Lammet, b Horton	1	5
E. H. Kow, b Horton	1	5
S. A. Smith, not out	1	0
P. K. Knyvet, b Horton	1	1
P. W. Goldring, c b Horton	1	1
Extras	1	10
Total	1	86
CHALLENGE C.C.		
A. O. Brown, b W. C. D. Turner	1	51
R. Bass, b Rutherford	1	1
L. E. Lammet, b Rutherford	1	1
R. Houghton, b G. Lammet	1	8
E. H. Kow, b Rutherford	1	5
L. A. Ross, not out	1	13
J. L. Stuart, c b Goldring	1	9
J. Glynn, run out	1	12
J. Crank, not out	1	12
Extras	1	11
Total (7 wickets)	1	110
R. Pestonji and A. E. Aggar did not bat.		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.		
H.K.C.C. “A.”		
Horton	14	3
Pestonji	9	1
Brown	5	1

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FOOTBALL.

H.K. F.C. v. A. NAAL TEAM.

Played on Saturday, on the Happy Valley ground, this game resulted in a victory for the Naval team by 5 tries (15 points) to 1 goal from a mark (4 points). The Navy team on this occasion took ample revenge for the heavy defeat inflicted by the home team on a representative fifteen of the “lads in blue” last week, and throughout the game proved themselves smarter on the ball and more accurate in their boots of passing than their opponents; but the real cause of their victory was a decided superiority in working the scrums. This, however, was discounted by the feeble attempts to score from the goal-kicks, they not being able to convert any of the five tries gained.

The Club won the toss and set up an attack on the Naval goal, and a minor was conceded. From the drop out the Naval three-quarters got going, but were checked before getting dangerous, and from the resulting scrum the home team secured the ball and attacked in turn. Play was heretofore of a fairly even character, the defence on both sides proving equal to all emergencies. Scrums were frequent, and both Hurdon and Stoyke for the Navy found touch. The Navy were now confining the game to the home twenty-five, and Doreville spoilt a fine chance of getting across the line by holding the ball too long. However they were not to be denied, and Birt at length broke through and grounded the ball. Hurdon's kick for goal was unsuccessful. The Navy were now playing a fine game, the three-quarters exhibiting fine combination, and in spite of the Club forwards' efforts, were more than holding their own. The Club, from a break-away, obtained a free kick, but could turn it to no account. Then from a scrum Parker scored the ball, and evading all opposition got over the line. Again the kick was futile. Stoyke, who was playing a sterling game, almost succeeded in getting through on several occasions. However, it was only a matter of time for the Navy to score again, and at length Birt crowned a splendid run by grounding behind the posts; again the goal kick failed. The score at half time was:—The Naval Team—3 tries (9 points); H.K. F.C.—1 goal from a mark (4 points). On resuming, the home three-quarters tried to get away, but bad passing nullified their efforts. Barnes, however, at length got placed, and scored a pretty mark for the Club. The Naval team again got into the home twenty-five, but from a scrum Crake relieved the pressure with a powerful punt up the field. They were not to be denied, however, and Stoyke got away and ran through all opposition and got across. The goal-kick was successful, but was disallowed by the referee. The Club were now showing to better advantage, but were unable to score, and with Doreville again getting over for the Navy the game ended:—

Naval Team—5 tries (15 points). H.K.F.C.—1 goal from a mark (4 points). The forwards were:—H.K.F.C.—W. A. Crake, back; O. J. Barnes, W. B. Robertson, Lieut. P. H. Campbell, and K. A. Scandens, three-quarters; A. G. Hall, P. Fletcher, A. Gordon, halves; E. C. Hallifax, E. O. C. Wolfe, H. F. Chard, H. C. Sandford, A. Boyd, Lieut. Dutton, P. S. Jameson, and Lieut. E. Rogers, forwards.

The Navy—Hurdon, back; Stoyke, King, Parker, and Birt, three-quarters; Davis and Doreville, halves; Barry, Formy, Rice, Kellett, Smith, Rowley, Rieve, and Cornish, forwards.

Referee, Mr. T. G. R. Davies.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club “A” team will play H.M.S. *Humber*, under Association rules. The kick-off being at 4.30 p.m. The following will play for the Club—J. C. Hickling, goal; H. C. Austen and J. M. Everest, backs; L. C. Ross, W. T. Campbell, and H. C. Gray, halves; E. J. Davies, C. H. B. Chesney, A. J. Darby, W. H. Williams, and H. F. Chard, forwards.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council will be held at 3 p.m. to-day.

BUSINESS.
1. Financial minutes. (Nos. 60 to 64).
2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 11).
3. Amendment to No. 2 of By-laws respecting domestic cleanliness under the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

QUESTIONS.
1. What was the total amount which was paid to owners for the resumption of insanitary properties in Taiyiping?
2. What was the total cost of laying out such named land, including roads, drains, retaining walls, etc?
3. What is the total amount which has been received by the Government in premium from the sale of such portions of such resumed land as have been sold by the Government, and what is the total Annual Crown Rent which is received by the Government in respect of such portions?

What proportion do such portions as aforesaid bear to the part of such resumption which is proposed to reserve as a public park for Chinese?
When does the Government propose to give the members of the Legislative Council an opportunity for discussing the question of the desirability of reserving such part of such resumption as a public park for Chinese?
On what date was the contract let for the foundations and reclamation for Section No. 6 of the Praya Reclamation (from Pottinger Street to Wing Wo Street), and what was the date fixed for the completion of the work?
What is the name of the contractor?
When was the above contract work actually completed, and how many days was it after the contract time stipulated in the contract enforced?
If not, why not?
On what date was the contract let for the sea-wall and roadways on the above section and what date was fixed for the completion of the work?
What is the name of the contractor?
When will the work on:—
(a) the Sea Wall, and
(b) the Roadways be actually completed?

Is the penalty for overtime in the contract being enforced or will it be enforced? If not, why not?
Is it not the fact that a wall in the Protestant Cemetery, on the side nearest to the Roman Catholic Cemetery, has recently partially collapsed, covering some of the tombs in the Protestant Cemetery with debris and damaging some of the tombstones?
What steps will be taken and when to remove such debris and to repair such damage and to ensure that no further portions of the said wall and no earth shall in future fall down or be washed down by rain upon the tombs in the Protestant Cemetery?
What is the name of the contractor who is responsible for the wall in question?
Is it not the fact that certain houses in Conduit Road have been served with an intermittent supply of water only during some days in the past summer?
If yes, to what cause is such deficiency of water due?
Are there any defects in the mains leading up to Conduit Road or in the pumping power insufficient to raise the water up to that level?
Is a Water Rate being collected from the houses in Conduit Road?
Is it the fact that the Government is contemplating the alteration of the uniform which is worn by the Senior Sanitary Inspectors? If so, will not such contemplated alteration make the uniform of the Senior Sanitary Inspectors resemble that of the District Inspectors? What is the reason for the contemplated change?

ORDERS OF THE DAY.
Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to repeal the New Territories Titles Ordinance, 1902.
Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900.
Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.
Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Recovery of Charges incurred by the Colony on account of certain undesirable persons introduced into the Colony.

SHIPPING NOTES.
WEATHER OUTSIDE.
Strong wind and moderate sea between Swatow and Hongkong is reported by Captain J. W. Evans of the Douglas s.s. *Hailong*.
Captain W. C. Passmore of the Douglas s.s. *Hailong*, reports moderate gale, clear rough sea. The *Hailong* arrived yesterday.
Strong monsoon with high sea, between Heikiao and Hongkong is reported by Captain Hansen of the s.s. *Triumph*.
Stormy N.E. monsoon during the whole voyage from Bangkok to Hongkong, via Swatow, is reported by Captain Towner of the s.s. *Chiochi*.
Strong monsoon and fine weather is reported by Capt. Maxwell of the s.s. *Hanchow*. S arrived from Chinkiang yesterday.
Captain Osterbridge of the *Shanghai* from Manila, reports strong monsoon and high sea going south, heavy N.E. gales, fierce squalls; dangerous high seas, going north.

CATTLE AND PIGS.
Cattle and pigs arrived from Hainan on Saturday by the German s.s. *Tinianph*. Her consignees are Messrs. Jensen & Co.
PETROLEUM.
Petroleum in bulk arrived from the south by the *Marex* yesterday. The ship is consigned to Messrs. A. Karberg & Co.
A B and S. TOWNSHIP BURNED OUT.
Last Monday morning the Shanghai water police received the report that there was on the floating side of the river in the upper limits. A steam launch at once proceeded to the scene of the fire, and discovered the tow-boat *Watung*, belonging to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, in flames. Nothing could be done to save the vessel, which very soon sank in deep water. The *Watung* was used for river traffic.

SHELL LINER SAILED.
The Shell liner *Elor*, which went out-bound on the 20th November, was fitted and returned to Yokohama on the 23rd November.
GENERAL.
Messrs. Jensen & Co. received general cargo from Hainan by the s.s. *Progress*. She arrived on Saturday.
Messrs. Melchers & Co. received general cargo by the *Princess-maru* on Saturday. The *Princess-maru* left Antwerp 11th October, Singapore 26th November.
Messrs. Jensen & Co. received general cargo from Swatow by the s.s. *Maitilde* on Saturday. General cargo arrived for Messrs. Butterfield & Swire by the s.s. *Hanchow* yesterday.

RICE.
A full cargo of rice from Hainan, arrived for Messrs. Jensen & Co. by the s.s. *C. Diederichsen* on Saturday.
Rice arrived for Messrs. Butterfield & Swire by the s.s. *Chiochi* yesterday.
SUGAR.
A cargo of Java sugar arrived for Messrs. Jensen & Co. by the s.s. *Elor* on Saturday.
MAILS.
A mail—three bags—arrived from Swatow on Saturday by the Douglas s.s. *Hailong*.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
On making enquiries last evening it was learned that the English mail, the P. & O. s.s. *Sinla*, had not arrived. This, of course, means that she has experienced very heavy weather. Recent arrivals from Singapore have experienced exceptionally strong N.E. monsoon with heavy sea.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.
The P.M. steamer *Korea*, with mail, from San Francisco to the 18th ult. via Honolulu has arrived at Yokohama, and leaves for this port via (Oland, San), Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 6th inst.
The Imperial German mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich* left Shanghai on Saturday, 11 p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, daylight.
The Imperial German mail steamer *Kiautschou* left Singapore on Saturday, 4 a.m., and may be expected here on Thursday, at daylight.

SHARE REPORT.
Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. say in their weekly share list, dated Hongkong, 5th December:—
The former feeling reported in our last circular has made further progress, and but for the reluctance of holders to part with their stocks at present rates, business would have been transacted on a larger scale, there being several buying orders in the market, which could not be filled owing to higher rates demanded. The sterling rate of exchange on London is 26 1/2, while the rate of exchange on Shanghai is 1/2 1/4 for a T/T, and 1/2 1/4 for a 3 days' sight Private Paper.
BANK SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai sold at rates ranging between 65 1/2 and 67 1/2 and close very firm at 67 1/2. The London rate is quoted privately at 26 1/2, while Renter's quotation is 26 1/2. 10s. 0d. Nationals have improved to 30 1/2 buyers.
MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions sold in small lots at 49 1/2, 48 1/2, 48 1/2 and 48 1/2, and a few are on offer at 49 1/2. China Traders

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sold at \$60 to 61 and have sellers at the higher rate. A few cantons sold at \$175. In other stocks under this heading nothing has been done and they are unchanged.

INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong sold to a very small extent at \$315 and more shares are on offer. Chineses can be had at \$30.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat shares got into strong demand, and fair quantities changed hands at \$30, \$31, \$31 1/2 and \$31 3/4, and shares could be placed now at \$32. Indo-Chinese sold at all places now at \$32. China and Manilla quotes buyers at \$35. China and Manilla have again been placed at \$18. Douglases found purchasers at \$30 and more shares are wanted. Star Ferries have improved to sales and buyers at \$25 for old and \$18 for new shares. Shell Transports have been done at 22s. to 23s. 6d., but at latter rate there are sellers.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have ruled rather unsteady, selling at \$10 1/2, \$10 1/4, \$10 1/4 and \$10 1/2, closing with sellers at \$10 1/2. Luzons are unchanged.

MINING SHARES.—Unchanged, and without any sales. The result of the November trading at the Peking Mines, as received by wire, is as follows:—900 tons of Swah ore yielded 72 ounces of amalgam gold, estimated value being \$3,000. Mill working ample, plenty of water.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company shares are easier, and the closing rate is \$20 1/2 sellers. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company shares have been done at \$21. Amey Docks are unchanged. Farquhar's advanced in Shanghai to \$12 1/2, but our last telegraphic quotation is \$12 1/2 buyers. We have added to our list Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company shares, the latest quotation for which from the North is \$12 1/2 sellers and \$12 1/2 buyers.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDING.—Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company shares sold at \$15 1/2, at which rate shares are obtainable. Kowloon Lands are unchanged. A few West Point's changed ownership at \$52 1/2, while Hongkong Hotels are at \$40. Hongkong sold and small buyers at \$40. Shareholders are notified that in accordance with the special resolutions passed on 31st October, 1903, they are entitled on application to an allotment of one share for every two old shares held by them. Forms of application will be sent to every shareholder. The sum of \$2 1/2 per share will be payable, on application, on or before the 4th of January, 1904. Two months' notice of any further calls will be given. Shareholders desirous of paying on or before the 4th of January, 1904, the whole amount payable in respect of their shares, can do so, and in such event will receive the fully paid up scrip, or exchange. The new issue will run for dividend pro rata from 1st January, 1904, according to the amount paid on such shares on 4th January. The register of shares will be closed from 17th inst. to 4th January, 1904.

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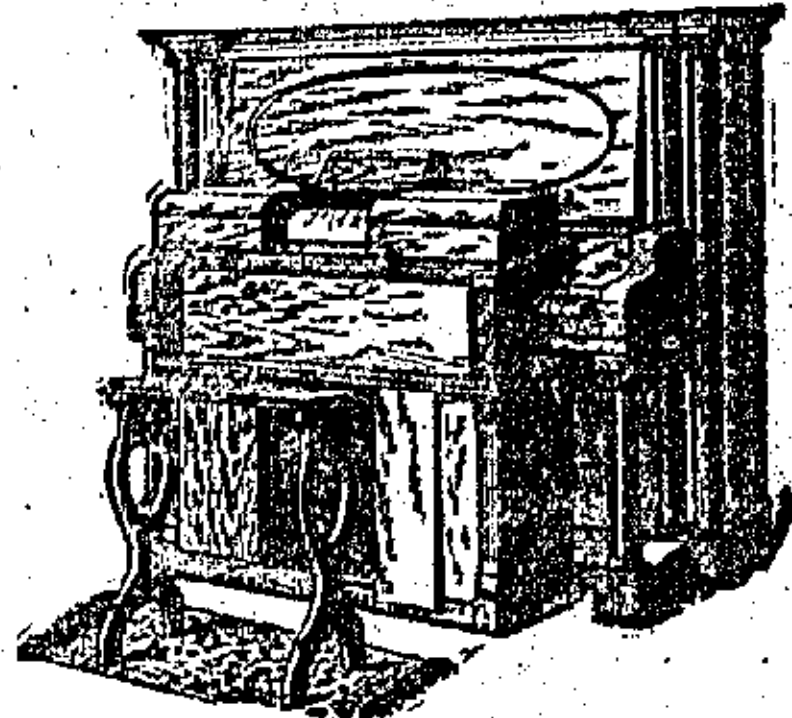
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on account
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Capital of the Company) will be payable at the
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong,
on and after MONDAY, the 30th instant, on
Warrants to be obtained from the undersigned.
Local Shareholders are requested to apply at
the Company's Office for their Warrants.

The Dividend will also be payable at the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, Shanghai,
on presentation of Warrants there, on and after
the same date.

The REGISTER OF SHARES will be
CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd instant,
until MONDAY, the 30th instant, both days
inclusive, during which period no Transfer of
Shares will be registered.

By Order,
A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1903. [3156]

THE CHINA TRADER'S INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company will be held at the HONGKONG
OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY,
the 8th Dec., at Twelve o'clock Noon, for
the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors, together with Statement of Accounts
to the 30th April last, and of declaring
Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 24th inst., to the
25th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES WHI TALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1903. [3180]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 2235
for Fifty shares, numbered 2301/2350
inclusive, standing in the register in the name
of J. M. GREAVES GOWLAND having
been lost, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that unless the said Certificate be produced at
the Office of the DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP
CO., LTD., Victoria, Hongkong, before 17th
DECEMBER, 1903, a new certificate for the
said shares will be issued and the old certificate
will thereafter be held by the Company as null
and void.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1903. [3-73]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that
in accordance with the Special Resolutions
passed on 31st October, and confirmed on 18th
November, 1903, they are entitled on application
to an allotment of one share for every two old
shares held by them. Forms of application will
be sent to every shareholder.

The sum of \$2.50 per share will be payable,
on application, on or before the 4th of January,
1904. Two months' notice of any calls will be
given.

Shareholders desirous of paying in or before
the 4th January, 1904, the whole amount
payable in respect of their shares, can do so,
and in such event will receive fully paid up
scrip in exchange.

The new issue will rank for Dividend pro rata
from 1st January, 1904, according to the
amount paid on such shares on 4th January,
1904.

The Register of Shares will be closed from
17th December, 1903, to 4th January, 1904,
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Hongkong, 1st December, 1903. [3317]

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PALEOLITHIC MAN.

One of the most interesting papers at the
British Association's meeting at Southport
recently was Dr. R. Munro's "Man as Artist
and Sportsman in the Paleolithic Period."

In the course of his lecture Dr. Munro ob-
served that so long as homo sapiens was believed
to occupy a higher place in the organic
world than other animals by virtue of his special
endowments no one apparently thought of look-
ing for evidence of his origin and history in the
obscure vista of prehistoric times. But though
this belief was modified about half a century ago
by the doctrine of organic evolution, still for a
long time no rational explanation was forth-
coming of how man acquired his distinguishing
characteristics; and even now their origin and
development were among the most obscure
problems within the whole range of anthro-
pology. So long ago as 1893 he had, as president
of the Anthropological Section of the Associa-
tion, advocated the hypothesis that the origin
of the higher mental manifestations of man were
primarily due to the attainment of the erect
attitude which, by entirely relieving the fore-
limbs of their former function as locomotive
organs, afforded him the opportunity of enter-
ing on a new phase of existence in which
intelligence and mechanical skill became the
governing factors. The result was the sub-
stitution for Nature's mode of defence and self-
preservation of a variety of implements,
weapons, and tools made with their own hands;
and hence the subsequent well-being of these
novel bipeds became dependent on their ability
to interpret and utilise the laws and forces
of nature. As time went on they began to
recognise the value of reasoning as the source of
inventive skill, and this resulted again in a
steady increase of human intelligence and
brain-substance. The attainment of the erect
posture and the consequent increase of in-
telligence produced marked effects in the shape
and size of the skull, and therefore, for more or
less mechanical reasons, in the jaws and teeth
and chin. There were thus two distinct lines
on which investigations into the past history of
mankind might be profitably conducted, for
just as the human skull, as compared with that
of one of the higher apes, had undergone
striking changes, both in form and capacity,
before reaching the normal type of modern civilised
races, so, similarly, the artificial products of
man's hands showed a steady improvement in
type, technique, and mechanism commensurate
with his knowledge of the laws of nature.

Indeed the trail of humanity along its entire
course was strewn with the discarded wea-
pons and tools which from time to time had
to give way to others of greater efficiency.
These observations were necessary to show the
nature and true significance of the methods by
which anthropologists had been enabled to
"prosecute their researches far beyond the limits
of the historic period. The special subject of
the discourse to illustrate these results, said
Dr. Munro, consisted of some exceptionally
interesting human relics chiefly belonging to
the later paleolithic period in Europe. They
had been most abundantly found among the
calcareous debris of a race of hunters who
inhabited caves and rock-shelters in France,
Switzerland, the South of England, and other
parts of Europe. Among the most remarkable
objects collected in these localities were
representations of various animals, carved, and
sometimes sculptured; on pieces of ivory, horn,
bone, and stone. Dr. Munro by means of
several fine lantern slides exhibited these
specimens on the large screen. In exhibiting
these slides he dwelt on their age, and showed
that the time which had elapsed since the
paleolithic artists and hunters lived
embraced the entire duration of the historic
iron, bronze, and neolithic ages, together with
an interval of unknown length between the
neolithic and paleolithic civilisations. Of the
later discoveries of these human relics the rock-
shelter of Schwettersbad near Schaffhausen was
one of the best examples, as its debris indicated
that the site was a constant rendezvous for
bands of roving hunters from the paleolithic
period down to the bronze age. Dr. Niesch,
his explorer, had expressed the opinion, founded
on the relative thickness of the deposits and the
character of the fauna represented in them,
that the antiquity of its earliest human relics
could not be less than 20,000 years. And since
the art-relics found in that station and in the
adjacent caves of Kesslerloch were precisely simi-
lar to those of the analogous stations in France
the above estimate could be accepted as equally
applicable to the latter; and after all allowances
for possible errors had been made, Dr. Munro
said he could see no objection to Dr. Niesch's
lowest estimate of man's first appearance in Nor-
thern Switzerland—viz., 20,000 years ago. After
showing the slides illustrative of these relics, Dr.
Munro made some vastly important and interest-
ing comments on the phase of human civilisation

thus singularly resurrected from the lumber-
room of oblivion. Were it possible, he said, for
one of our paleolithic ancestors to sit in judg-
ment on the comparative merits of the two
civilisations, his verdict would probably be
something like this:—You have utilised the
forces of nature to a marvellous extent, and
thereby secured the means of greatly increasing
the number of your fellow-creatures; but at the
same time you have multiplied the sources of
disease and misery. The invention of money has
facilitated the accumulation and transmission of
riches among a few; but it has impoverished
the many and supplied incentives to fraud, theft,
and all manner of crime. Patriarchal esta-
blishments have given way to social organisations
governed by laws founded on moral sentiment
and ethics; but their by-products are extreme
luxury and extreme poverty. Hence, to support
the weak and the unfortunate is no longer a mat-
ter of charity, but a moral obligation. Notwith-
standing the size of your asylums, hospitals, and
almshouses, they are always full and always
on the increase. You have formulated various
systems of religion, but whether founded on the
principles of fetishism, polytheism, or mono-
theism, they are all more or less permeated
with contradictory or controversial creeds and
dogmas. National sport as practised with
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from a box at a measured distance, or to
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semi-domesticated deer driven to the muzzle of a
rifle—all, of course, within sight of a luncheon
basket—is a poor substitute for the excitement
and field incidents of the chase in paleolithic
times. With no better weapons than a spear, or
lance tipped with a point of flint, and a small
dagger of bone or horn, we had, not infrequently,
to encounter in mortal combat the mammoth,
rhinoceros, cave-bear, or some other fierce and
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leakage, and it is this leakage which often sours
dry the blood-life of your civilisation. Finally,
the permanence of your civilisation remains to
be tested by the touch-stone of time. For
civilisations, like the gnat and species of the
organic world, have their life-histories deter-
mined by as fixed laws as those that govern the
resultant of the parallelogram of forces. To
cosmic evolution, under which, to a large extent,
our race and civilisation flourish, you have
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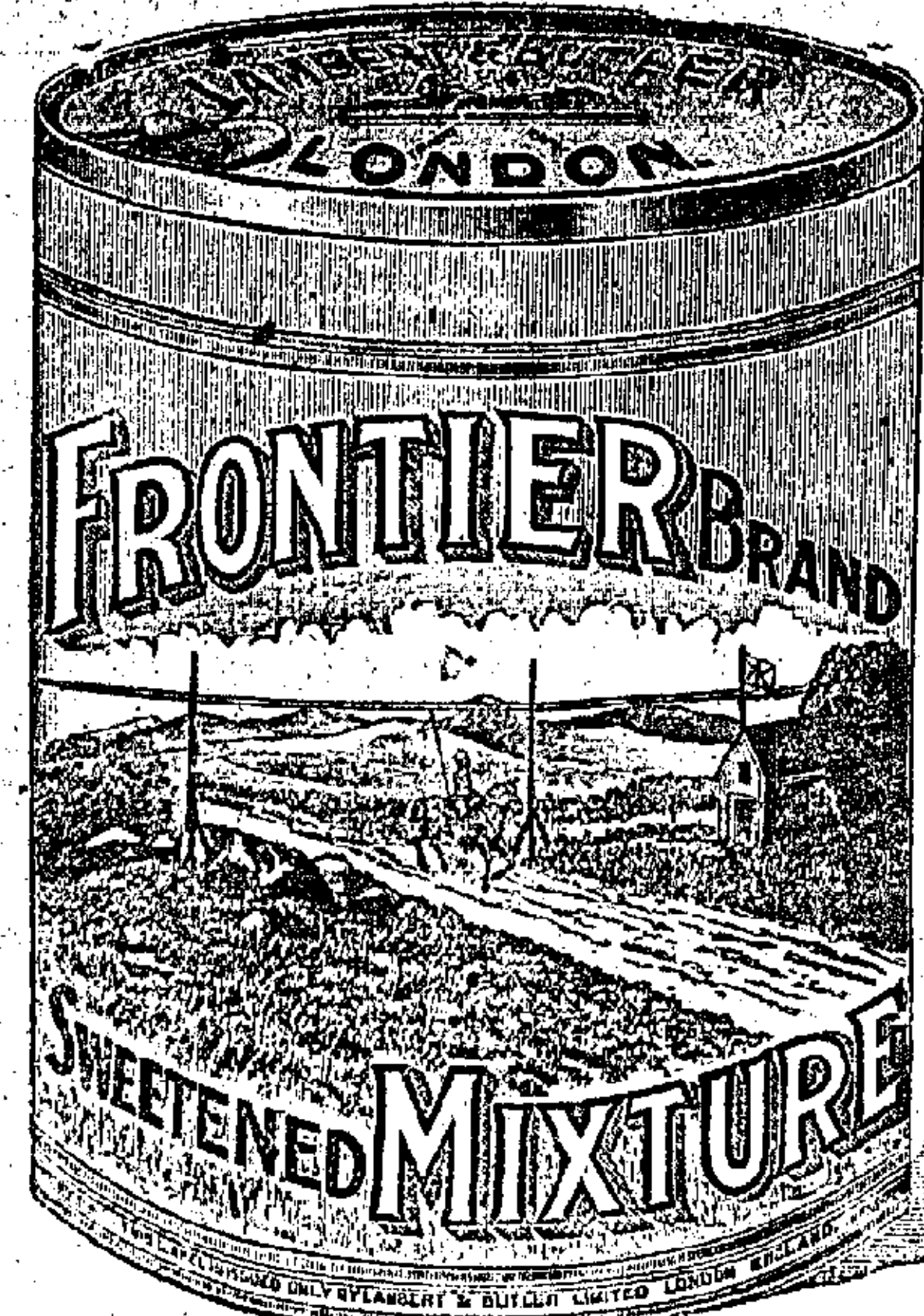
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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1903.

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1903.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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